

Senior Leadership Briefing
Hurricane Irma
Sunday, September 3, 2017 (5:00 p.m. EDT)
Executive Summary
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Overview:

FEMA is coordinating the interagency and multi-regional response to multiple events. FEMA is monitoring Hurricane Irma in the Atlantic.

Current Situation:

Impact Summary:

- FEMA formed Hurricane Irma Crisis Action Planning (CAP) Team on September 1 to plan for Irma's potential OCONUS and CONUS impact.
- CAP Team includes representatives from Regions II, III, IV as well as ESFs, Logistics, interagency partners, and DoD components. *(Hurricane Irma Concept of Support, September 3, 2017 10:00 a.m. EDT)*
- **Critical Infrastructure:**
 - GIS team is determining critical infrastructure within the inundation zones as well as evacuation routes and identification of shelters *(NRCC IRMA CAP Team Update, September 3, 2017, 10:00 a.m. EDT)*
 - Evacuations: There are no pre-landfall patient evacuations. HHS is prepared to deploy Disaster Medical Assistance Teams (DMAT), Health and Medical Task Forces (HMTF), Incident Response Coordination Teams (IRCT), and liaison officers (LNO) to Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, St. Croix, and St. John.
 - Ports: All federal ports in USVI and PR are open; all vessels over 500 tons must depart port or request permission to remain within the next 24-36 hours *(USCG, Update, September 3, 2017, 2:41 p.m. EDT)*

Declaration Activity:

- Region II surge in place; no declaration activity at this time
- FCO William L. Vogel deployed to St. Thomas, USVI *(Region II Surge Field Operating Report, September 3, 2017, 2:00 p.m. EDT)*

FEMA Headquarters:

- ☐ USAR Task Force and incident support team (IST) alerted
- ☐ Type 4 planning and response team (PRT) ordered from USACE; concept of support for PR/USVI or CONUS strike developed and in place
- ☐ **Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration**
 - Flood insurance in the projected path of Hurricane Irma:
 - Puerto Rico has 4,713 Contracts in Force (CIF), 6,079 Policies in Force (PIF);
 - US Virgin Islands has 1,026 CIF, 1,418 PIF *(FIMA Update, September 3, 2017, 12:34 a.m. EDT)*

FEMA Region II:

- ☐ **RRCC activated** to Level II Partial Activation (24/7) September 3 at 8:00 a.m. EDT; all ESFS & DCE in RRCC Day shift/ ESF 1,3,8,12 & DCE Night shift Full Activation (24/7) with all ESFs present *(FEMA Region II briefing, September 3, 2017, 8:00 a.m. EDT)*
- ☐ IMAT-A and IMAT-B deploying to U.S. Virgin Islands EOC; IMAT-C to Puerto Rico in preparation to Hurricane Irma *(Region II Daily Situational Awareness Report, September 2, 2017, 3:00 p.m.)*
- ☐ Staff from the FEMA Caribbean Area Division in Puerto Rico to provide support to commonwealth and local officials

- Region X IMAT deployed to San Juan, PR
- **Puerto Rico:** EOC will fully activate September 4
- **U.S. Virgin Islands:** EOC will go to a partial activation September 4 (*Region II Update, September 3, 2016, 12:30 p.m. EDT*)

Interagency Coordination/Response:

- **ESF-1: Transportation**
 - ESF-1 deployed to PR (*Irma CAP Team Concept of Support, September 3, 2017, 1:44 p.m. EDT*)
- **ESF-3: Public Works and Engineering**
 - ESF-3 deployed to PR (*Irma CAP Team Concept of Support, September 3, 2017, 1:44 p.m. EDT*)
- **ESF-5: Information and Planning**
 - Amphibious Readiness Group (ARG) is off shore, includes two ships and approximately 2,000 U.S. Marines capable of humanitarian assistance; ARG can be in place 12 hours after the Mission Assignment approval (*Irma CAP Team Concept of Support, September 3, 2017, 1:44 p.m. EDT*)
 - A hurricane plane is on standby in Barbados for tasking associated with taking picture of Irma; a second hurricane plane is scheduled to arrive in Barbados on September 4 (*NOAA Update, September 3, 2017, 1:52 p.m. EDT*)
- **ESF-7: Logistics Management and Resource Support**
 - 16 containers of meals (250,000) staged in PR; 16 containers of meals (212,724) and water (115,200 liters) shipped to St. Croix, St. Thomas, St. John, required delivery date of September 4 (*MCC update, September 3, 2017, 12:56 p.m. EDT*)
 - FEMA maintains commodities at strategically located distribution centers throughout the United States and its territories, including in San Juan, PR where more than 700,000 liters of water and 200,000 meals are available, if needed and requested
 - Projected actions are to establish an Incident Support Base in continental United States and to have deployed personnel on site and ready to respond (*Irma CAP Team Concept of Support, September 3, 2017, 1:44 p.m. EDT*)
- **ESF-8: Public Health and Medical Services**
 - DMAT in Puerto Rico
 - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) prepared 75 pallets of medical supplies to ship from in Jacksonville, FL to PR (*MCC update, September 3, 2017, 11:00 a.m. EDT*)
 - HHS Emergency Management Group (EMG) activated to Level II: Partial Activation; forward deploying one (1) Incident Response Coordination Team-Forward (IRCT-F) and two (2) Disaster Medical Assistance Teams (DMAT) to San Juan, PR in preparation for Hurricane Irma (*ESF 8 Update, September 3, 2017, 1:52 p.m. EDT*)
- **ESF-9: Search and Rescue**
 - US Coast Guard (USCG) is making plans for Hurricane IRMA's impact to the US Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico; initial plans include evacuation of dependents from St. Croix and St. Thomas U.S.V.I. and re-positioning of USCG assets for a rapid response after impact/landfall in accordance with the USCG regional Hurricane Plan (*ESF-9 Update, September 3, 2017, 11:06 a.m. EDT*)
- **ESF-12: Energy**
 - ESF-12 deployed to PR; USACE Type IV Power Restoration Team completed (*Irma CAP Team Concept of Support, September 3, 2017, 1:44 p.m. EDT*)
- **ESF-13: Public Safety and Security**
- **ESF-15: External Affairs(EA)**
 - Deploying EA assets to support messaging; pushing preparedness tips through social media in English/Spanish(*ESF-15 update, September 2, 2017, 11:38 p.m.*)
- **U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)**
 - USCG right-sizing aircraft, boat and personnel footprint in TX in preparation for expected response to Hurricane IRMA (*USCG SitRep, September 3, 2017, 11:39 a.m. EDT*)
- **U.S. Department of Defense (DoD)**
 - US Northern Command (USNORTHCOM):
 - NORTHCOM is conducting initial planning for Hurricane Irma, while balancing requirements for Hurricane Harvey response operations.

- Defense Coordinating Officer (DCO)/Defense Coordinating Element (DCE) is deploying to the Virgin Islands after receipt of a mission assignment (MA).
- Joint Enabling Capability is deploying to support response operations.
- FEMA issued the mission assignment to provide maritime platforms for disaster operations during response operations for Hurricane IRMA. The USS KEARSARGE Amphibious Ready Group (ARG) and USS OAK HILL and 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) are underway to a position to support planned response operations for the Virgin Islands and/or the east coast.
- Defense Logistics Agency (DLA):
 - Potential Deployable Distribution Center depot requirement socialized via OSD Policy Defense Support for Civil Authority (DCSA) for approval similar to DLA support for Harvey relief efforts (manage and operate a FEMA ISB – location TBD). FEMA expects to issue an MA on September 3, 2017, requesting deployment between September 6-8, 2017, to a TBD location in the Carolinas or Maryland.
- Civil Air Patrol (CAP):
 - The Puerto Rico Wing Group CAP is prepared to respond to requests for assistance (*DoD email update, September 3, 2017, 2:30 p.m. EDT*)

Federal Force Laydown:

